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1. IN TALK MAY 28 WITH BERNARD MUGANDA, WHO OFFICER IN CHARGE AT FONMIN OF SPAC, HE SAID TANGOV HAS TWO PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS REMAINING WITH SPAC. FIRST, NATIONAL DELEGATIONS ARE TO BE LIMITED TO MAXIMUM OF FIFTY PERSONS BUT US DELEGATION ALREADY NUMBERS 283 RPT 283. UNLESS US DELEGATION CAN BE REDUCED, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS, TANGOV WILL NOT HAVE ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ALL DELEGATES. TANGOV EXPECTING MINIMUM 600 TO MAXIMUM 600 DELEGATES. SECOND PROBLEM IS SUBSTANTIVE: TANZANIANS ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THERE IS POSSIBLY FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS BETWEEN AFRICANS IN AFRICA, ON ONE HAND, AND, ON OTHER HAND, THOSE CLAIMING AFRICAN ORIGIN WHO RESIDENT OUTSIDE AFRICA ABOUT CONCEPT OF PAN-AFRICANISM. MUGANDA WILL NOT EXPLAIN LATTER PROBLEM IN GREATER DETAIL, BUT IT IS APPARENTLY BEDEVILING TO THOSE WORKING UP AGENDA FOR SPAC.

2. MUGANDA SAID TANGOV EXPECTS AT LEAST FIVE CONGRESSMAN FROM BLACK CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS TO ATTEND SPAC. FIVE SUITES ARE RESERVED FOR THEM AT MOST LUXURIOUS HOTEL IN DAR (KILIMANJARO).

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3. COMPARED TO FEW WEEKS AGO, MUGANDA SAID HE
FAIRLY RELAXED NOW ABOUT SPAC. HE BELIEVES SPAC WILL
BE INTERESTING AND POSSIBLY USEFUL GATHERING.
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